

Lewis Tappan.

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Dear Brother Phelps,

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4. Mr. Jocelyn & myself have been talking over anti-slavery mission matters. Six months ago we had no ^{withal} money, to send Mr. Raymond back to Africa or to visit the brethren at the S. Islands, and we had but little faith. We put forth a circular however, & published notices. The result was that money came in for Mr. Raymond plentifully. We sent him away, well provisioned for at least 12m. Dr. Lapon's lecturing has awakened Christian abolitionists, this Address has inspired them to liberal action. We have sent off quantities of goods to West Andrews & Green. Money is coming in every day, — \$80 came yesterday. The public mind is waking up on the subject. Christians are beginning to enquire into the propriety of giving to pre-slavery Boards. All this has been effected with little effort comparatively.

We think that Dr. Lapon's address should be spread far & wide, perhaps with notes, and that we should have a monthly paper devoted to the subject; that missionaries of various denominations should be specially addressed; and that the Chh. should be aroused to act on the behalf of missions free from the polluted offerings of slaveholders. Mr. Jocelyn's hands, and mine, are full. If you will come on here, be Secy to the Ex. Com. of the African Miss. Soc., during your whole time & the business, we shall be able, with the Divine blessing, to do some thing effective. We think ten thousand dollars a year can be raised for her various missions. What say you brother Phelps? We could give you a Sartell salary. Write to us — state your views — what we ought to give you at first & afterwards, &c. &c. We do not wish to make war upon existing Boards, but have a channel for those who with out of them, can help it put their money into the treasury of existing Boards, while they act so fearfully to slavery, & aspire to point out to pious men their duty, the delinquency of Boards &c. &c. Truly & affectionately yours Lewis Tappan.

